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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Arguments

1. This Office communication is in response to the reply filed on January 6, 2004.
2. The abovementioned reply submitted by the applicant, however, is NOT fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omissions or matters: the amendments to the abstract and to the claims are NOT in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003 as required.

More particularly, amendments to the abstract *must* be made by presenting a replacement paragraph or section *marked up* to show changes made relative to the immediately prior version (in this instance, the version of the abstract as originally filed). Providing a clean replacement paragraph or section or abstract is not sufficient, and providing a clean AND a marked-up version is not acceptable either.

Also, with regard to the amendments to the claims, DOUBLE brackets (i.e., "[[]]", and *not* single brackets as used by applicant in claim 1, line 6 and other occurrences in the amendments to the claims) *must* be used to show deletions of certain punctuation marks or of text which is of such a nature that a strikethrough cannot easily be perceived.

A proper reply to the instant Office communication should be a replacement to the reply filed on January 6, 2004, and should include the amendments to the abstract and to the claims. The amendments to the specification do not need to be repeated since these are in proper form already.

Please do not hesitate to telephone the examiner if you have any questions or concerns regarding this Office communication.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within

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which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925.

While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel, can be reached on (703) 308-1272.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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